

29 December 1959

TO: Chief, Procurement Division/OL

ATTENTION: [REDACTED] 25X1

FROM: Chief, Administrative Staff, PIC

SUBJECT: Design Study for a Photo Interpretation Cell

1. Forwarded for your action is a requisition for \$97,891 to externally contract for a "Design Study for a Photo Interpretation Cell." It is recommended that this contract be negotiated with [REDACTED] as set forth in the attached proposal. 25X1

2. Technical personnel of the Photographic Intelligence Center have conducted an extensive study of the companies qualified in the field to carry out this project. Proposals were solicited from [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] Of the proposals received, were the only two companies that proposed to act as prime contractors for this integrated study with the other companies proposing to subcontract for a portion of the work. Due to the resignation of one of its key technical officers, the [REDACTED] withdrew its original proposal to act as prime contractor, but proposed to act as a subcontractor in the program. 25X1

3. In our opinion, [REDACTED] is well qualified to carry out this project, as specified by technical personnel of this Center, and should be awarded the contract. The company personnel who will guide the program have excellent technical and administrative backgrounds required to carry the study to a successful conclusion. Because this Company is an engineering and research organization and is not involved in the sales promotion of any particular line of equipment, the Company will be able to proceed objectively to design a Photo Interpretation Cell incorporating the highest possible state of the art with the best economic interests of the United States Government. 25X1

4. Agency association with the contractor will not be classified and it is not intended that the actual Design Study contain classified information. Requests for clearances of certain key personnel who will be working on the Study have been made separately in order that they may visit PIC to acquaint themselves with operational and environmental problems involved in the work. Although the Design Study and the PI Cell will not be classified, the contractors should be advised that

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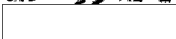
there should be no publicity concerning this contract and that the knowledge of their association with PIC/CIA should be limited to as few people as possible.

5. Your assistance in negotiating this contract will be greatly appreciated.



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ATTACHMENTS:

- A - Requisition No. 994E-PIC-9051-60
- B - Proposal fr  dtd 9 Dec 1959

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